

Beginner English Games

Hello Goodbye - Beatles

Split the class in to two or more groups and allocate each group as either hello or goodbye. When they hear hello in the song, the students allocated hello have to stand up and say hello. The ‘goodbyes’ do the same when they hear goodbye.

Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes

Everyone loves this. Make sure they know what heads shoulders knees toes eyes ears mouth and nose are – test them. Then just play and dance along to the song.

Listening Comprehension

Beginner students have limited vocabulary and knowledge of grammar. Making a listening comprehension based on a dream you had enables you to select specific vocabulary and stick to using the present tense. You can also make up a crazy story that keeps the students interested.

What is this? (これはなに)

Elephant

What is it? It’s big, it’s grey, it’s an animal, it has a long nose. They usually understand what they have to do after that example. Keep it simple. Words I suggest:

[Flowers]	[Sun]	[Telephone]	[Camera]	[Ball]	[Banana]
[Bicycle]	[Car]	[Television]	[Basketball]	[Football]	[Book]

Can you name?

Split the class into two.

Ask them to name something [e.g. fruit]. Each time one team answers, the other team must come up with a different answer. Once a team can’t think of an answer, they lose a point. Each student can only answer once for each question.

Password game

Split the class into 4-6 teams. Each team has a topic “Sports” “Fruit” “Colours” “Animals” and then make the first team say a word from their topic. The following team then has to say another word from the topic. If you repeat or word, or can’t think of anything then you don’t get a point.

Board Game

Two teams, Each team writes a word on the blackboard, and the next person in the team has to write a word beginning with the letter that the previous word ended in. A good warm up for 1st year students.

Simon says without the Simon.

Tel the kids to “stand up” “sit down” Then teach them new words like eat, sleep, jump, eat, spin. Mix the commands with numbers “jump 5 times” as the students get more advanced.

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